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1. MICHALKE'S SISTER, MRS. KATHLEEN GAARE, INFORMED DEPT MAY 17 THAT, DESPITE OUR RESERVATIONS ABOUT EFFICACY OF HER TRAVELING TO KHARTOUM (REF A), SHE IS LEANING TOWARD DECISION TO MAKE THE TRIP IN NEAR FUTURE. SHE AND LEN CAMPBELL HAD COMMUNICATED BY PHONE.

2. MRS. GAARE SAID THAT IF SHE GOES TO KHARTOUM SHE WILL TAKE LETTERS FROM VARIOUS SENATORS, CONGRESSMEN, LABOR LEADERS AND OTHERS APPEALING TO THE ELF FOR MICHALKE'S RELEASE. WE TOLD HER THAT IF SHE GOES TO KHARTOUM, EMBASSY WOULD PROVIDE APPROPRIATE FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE, GIVE HER BRIEFING, AND SEEK APPOINTMENTS FOR HER WITH GOS OFFICIALS IF SHE DESIRES. SHE WOULD BE FREE DURING SUCH APPOINTMENTS, CONFIDENTIAL

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OR THROUGH EMBASSY, TO ASK GOS ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING MEET-

ING WITH ELF REPS, THOUGH, WE NOTED, GOS IS EXTREMELY SENSITIVE TO ANY CONTACTS WITH ERITREAN GUERRILLA REPS. WE WARNED HER AGAIN (STATE 111146) THAT SHE MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO MEET WITH ELF REPS OR CONTRIBUTE TO USG'S AND GOS' CONTINUING EFFORTS TO SPEED HER BROTHER'S RELEASE.

3. EMBASSY MAY, AT ITS DISCRETION, INFORM GOS ABOUT MRS. GAARE'S PRESENT THINKING. KISSINGER

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